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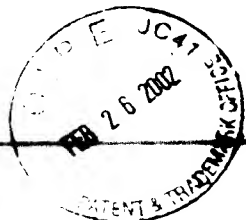
An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Unit: 2874

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**COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS**

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This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on December 10, 2001. Confirmation No. 1648. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is enclosed.

No original declaration or oath was filed and enclosed is a copy of the original declaration for this application, taken from the parent case, U.S. Serial No. 09/643,333. The above-identified application is the application which the inventors executed by signing the enclosed declaration.

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